

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1 and 8-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 (cancelled):

Claim 2 (currently amended): The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 4 3, wherein the first stage quad configuration is modified using emitter degeneration.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An amplifier circuit, comprising:  
a first stage and a second stage, the first stage comprising a quad configuration  
and the second stage comprising a translinear current amplifier configuration; and  
a coupling circuit operably coupling the first stage and the second stage,  
~~The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 1, wherein the current gain of the second stage is given by:~~

$$(I A_{out1} - I A_{out2})/(I_{out1} - I_{out2}) = (1 + R_{123} / R_{124}) \cdot (I_{135} / I_{134}) \cdot (A / (1+A))$$

where  $A = g_m Q_{109} \cdot R_{124}$ ;

$I A_{out1}$  is the amplified output collector current from  $Q_{110}$ ;

$I A_{out2}$  is the output collector current from transistor  $Q_{111}$ ;

$I_{out1}$  is the output current from  $Q_{103}$  and  $Q_{105}$  from the first stage quad, and  
 $I_{out2}$  is the collector current from  $Q_{104}$  and  $Q_{106}$  from the first stage quad;

$R_{123}$  is the resistance value of the third resistor and  $R_{124}$  is the resistance value of the fourth resistor;

$I_{135}$  is the current through the fifth current source; and

$I_{134}$  is the value of the current through the fourth current source.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 4 3, further comprising current to voltage conversion and common mode feedback in the second stage operable to provide high speed, low distortion and extended bandwidth.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 4 3, wherein the amplifier is formed of bipolar devices.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 4 3 being adapted for use in an integrated circuit.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The amplifier circuit recited in Claim 4 3 being adapted for use in a variable gain amplifier.

Claims 8-17 (cancelled)